(c) The earnings from passenger traffic for Talcher during 2000-2001 was Rs. 36.02 lakhs. The goods earnings at Talcher during the same year was Rs. 593.25 crores mainly by loading of coal from the sidings around Talcher.

Remodelling of Talcher station and station yard at a cost of Rs. 2.99 crores and augmentation of other passenger amenities costing Rs. 22 lakhs are ongoing works for which about Rs. 95 lakhs has been allocated during the current year.

Encroachment of Railway land in A.P.

2840. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted in recent years by the Zonal Railways to identify the railway land encroached upon by different elements, particularly jhuggi jhonpri dwellers who have constructed jhuggies or small houses thereon;

(b) if so, the district-wise details of encroachments on railway land in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the steps taken to have the encroachments vacated;

(d) whether Government propose to exploit such lands commercially to augment their income; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) State and District-wise details are not maintained in this regard by Railways.

(c) Railways are engaged in a continuous exercise to identify and remove encroachments from their land as per the provisions of Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971, and as per the provisions of the Railways Act, 1989.

(d) and (e) Utilisation of lands for commercial purposes is done where the same is viable. The land is also used for grow more food programmes, plantations, playgrounds in railway colonies etc. Railways are engaged in a continuous exercise to identify lands for commercial utilisation all over the

country including in the State of Andhra Pradesh. Four sites in Hyderabad/ Secunderabad, two in Visakhapatnam, and one site in Vijayawada Division have been identified in Andhra Pradesh, at the first instance, for commercial development.

Use of coaches imported from Germany

2841. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railway coaches imported from Germany for use of Mumbai-Pune and Mumbai-Ahmedabad Shatabdi Express were used for Howrah-Delhi and Kolkata-Delhi; and

(b) is so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Replacement of old Rail Bridges, Track Renewals etc.

2842. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to invest on replacing/renovating more than 100 years old Railways bridges and start up programmes for track renewal and replacement of rolling stock that outlived its utility, to accord priority to safety; and

(b) if so, the expected cost and the amount to be invested during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) Replacement of assets, is a continuing activity, carried out on age-cum-condition basis of assets depending on the availability of funds. Arrears of bridge and track rehabilitation is expected to cost Rs. 12125 crores. The allotment in current financial year for these work is Rs. 2757 crores. The estimated cost of replacement overaged rolling stock (loco, coaches, EMU, wagon) is about Rs. 3831 crores. Total funds allotted towards rolling stock procurement during the year 2001-2002 are Rs. 3430 crores for both additional and replacement account.